(b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Foreign exchange earnings from exports

1999. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the foreign exchange earnings from exports during the last three years;

(b) whether the target fixed for exports have been achieved by Government;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government to increase the exports of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) India's exports during the last three years were as follows:—

Year	Exports (US$ Million)
1991-92	17865
1992-93	18537
1993-94	22238

(b) and (c) No export target was set for 1991-92. The export target for 1992-93 was not met due to decline in trade with the CIS and other East- European countries; recession in industrially advanced countries; and domestic factors such as, disturbances in some parts of the country in the aftermath of Ayodhya incident. The target set for 1993-94 was achieved when export grew by 20 percent.

(d) Export promotion is a continuous process and steps are taken to boost exports in consultation with trade, industry and other relevant interests. Govt. has taken a number of steps to make the environment of policies and procedures more export-friendly. The measures include grant of Income Tax exemption on export profits, access to cheaper export credit designated in convertible currency and assistance to Export Promotion Councils/Commodity Boards for export market development.

Impact of Dunkel Proposals

2000. SHRIMATI CHANDRIKA ABHINANDAN JAIN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of impact of Dunkel Proposals on Indian Agriculture subsidies, level of import content in consumption, scrapping of public distribution system, intellectual property rights and seed patenting;

(b) the reaction of Government in respect of each of the items mentioned above; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to ameliorate their adverse impacts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) India has not undertaken any reduction commitments in respect of the domestic support to agriculture, nor has it taken any commitment on minimum market access. Thus the agreement does not affect our policies and programmes for the development of agriculture. The public distribution system also remains unaffected. No legislation on plant variety protection has yet been put in place. On patents there is a ten year transition period for the introduction of a full patents regime and there is no immediate economic impact.

The Uruguay Round results on the whole would be advantageous to us in increasing our exports.

Export of Indian products to countries needing credit facilities

2001. SHRI S. MADHAVAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have examined the possibility of exporting Indian products to countries which have

potential market for Indian products but need credit facilities for importing our products; and

(b) if so, what are the steps taken to export our products to such countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (b) Yes, Sir, Export promotion is a continuous process and steps are taken to boost exports in consultation with trade, industry and other relevant interests. Commodity-specific and country-specific measures are undertaken keeping in view the domestic and international economic situations. Among other measures, the Government of India has extended credit lines of $ 55 million to the Central Asian Republics.

Revised IPRS for Indian Engineering Exporters

2002. SHRI S. AUSTIN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to implement a revised International Price Reimbursement Scheme (IPRS) for allowing supplies of iron and stock products to Indian engineering exporters to be treated as deemed exports;

(b) if so, the broad features of the new scheme; and

(c) the amount of claims under IPRS still pending owing to insufficient funds and the impact of the new scheme on the small and medium sized engineering exporters?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHAIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) International Price Reimbursement Scheme (IPRS) stands abolished with effect from 1st April, 1994. A new Scheme called Engineering Products Export (Replenishment of Iron & Steel Intermediates) Scheme has been notified on 1.3.95. Under this Scheme, the engineering goods exporters especially those in the small and medium sector can domestically source their iron and steel requirements at prices comparable to international prices from the steel producers, who are entitled to duty free import of their inputs under the Scheme.

The total value of claims pending under IPRS as on 13.3.95 was Rs. 187.20 crores.

Deemed Exports

2003. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are studying the possibility of granting the same status to deemed exports with physical exports;

(b) whether such a study has been done by any research today;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the extent of deemed exports in 1993-94?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) No, Sir. The Government is not aware of any such study.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) On account of deemeds exports in the year 1993-94, an amount of Rs. 317.00 crores was utilised for grant of incentives as per EXIM Policy.

पंजाब और हरियाणा के उत्कृष्ट कोटि के गेहूं का निर्यात

2004. **प्रो॰ राम बख्श सिंह वर्मा:** क्या वाणिज्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि पंजाब और हरियाणा में उत्पन्न उत्कृष्ट कोटि के गेहूं का विदेशों में निर्यात किया जा रहा है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उन देशों के नाम क्या हैं; और

(ग) पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान किन-किन देशों को कितनी मात्रा में गेहूं का निर्यात किया गया और उससे कितनी विदेशी मुद्रा अर्जित हुई?